

Reports.

claims do they present for State patronage condition of the country?" made which was adopted.

isolated individuals. Accordingly farmers, finding their gains not commensurate with their efforts and with the capital employed, are turning to the

ports in improving themselves in the various branches of agriculture. Such is the original object of these organizations; and such the objects which they have accomplished, if success attends them, are the better results in individuals, enhanced value of property in the State and greater ability to sustain the burdens of domestic life. The organizations to which farmers have resorted are District Farmers' Clubs; Town Exhibitions; Agricultural Societies, a State Society of Farmers and an Agriculture.

What have these organizations accomplished? The answer by a simple statement of the results would be necessary to enumerate all of the advantages that present a few, such as most readily occur to the mind of one who is not a farmer. It is not as a type of the others. From them we are unable to sum up in dollars and cents the advantages which the agriculture of the State derives from these associations. And here we

State in other branches as well as inasmuch as a knowledge of facts is an advantage, raised are, nevertheless, as apparent, as if measured in federal instances, of the following:

1. The influence of these organizations on the value of land is 500 per cent; and this to the extent of 100,000 acres of land in the western lands naturally of little or no value, relieved of their surplus water and introduced cultivation; and, under current conditions, the value of the surplus produce of lands already under culture is, it has been largely increased; and improvement has only commenced.

2. The value of the old lands has been given place in new, tasteful and expeditious, old barns, are supplanted

flush and comfortable ones, pens, fences, and a general atmosphere of well-being is manifest wherever these organizations have influence.

Instrumentality the value of domestic animals is very greatly enhanced; and the result of numbers, as in the case of the animals. Thus is fed at a less cost while the net profit is increased. In fact crowding out of sight the less profitable animals which have so long been the bane of the farmer and his pens. In short, it is manifest to the observer that better farms and farmlands and gardens, better families and communities are everywhere to be seen. A present in detail the precise gains

in 1850, \$54,861,748; in 1860, \$78,875,327; an increase of 43 per cent. Implements and machinery in 1855 valued at \$3,298,327; being an increase of 100 per cent. in stock is greater still, and even the expenditures extravagant as these have been.

1850, \$9,705,726; in 1860, \$15,431,700, an increase of 59 per cent. That this *improvement* appears from the fact that our animals have increased less than in the same period. This fact is farther

of slaughtered animals, which in 1903, and had, in 1906, increased to more than 68 per cent. !

that all increase of agricultural products is due to our organization, but we have made various improvements by means of which a better result has been brought about, were, all the while steadily fostered and encouraged hundreds and thousands of farmers who were not connected with them, but have even here and there not themselves been

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the State,	\$24,513
societies from private	54,182
ness of the societies	
and their improvements,	20,000
the societies for pre-	

and improvements, \$98,695
average receipt from \$ 4,100.
sources of
us of the societies, above referred to,
the buildings and other fixtures.
of the *National Society* is a corporation
distinct from the county societies, a
Agriculture. It differs from county
embraces, in its geographical limits,
A president, elected annually, and
elected biennially, constitute its board
are similar in character and effect,
societies, but upon a larger scale; bring
to exhibitions the farmers and the
parts of the State.
of \$1000 annually for five years, Ap
society, which grant will expire, April
received. \$5000 have been expended
for legitimate purposes; the balance
be appropriated. A special grant
made to this Society in 1960.
operations for five years, from 1857
are as follows: \$ 5,000

from private sources, \$3,185,
28,612
\$34,512

From State for the five years, \$1,400
Item for printing, 1857, the amount
has been able to ascertain.
culture. This is a deliberative body
member from each county, and half
of fourteen days to investigate matters
general husbandry of the State.
gather of such a body of men is need
themselves, and we trust to those we
comparison of views and practice, are
are prepared, and the discussions will
with essays carefully prepared before
the conditions of successful produc-
less amount of information is elicited



